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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR

1. IN ADDITION TO TOPICS REPORTED IN SEPTELS, AMBASSADOR JAY MENTIONED BRIEFLY AT HIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY ON NOVEMBER 30, HMG'S APPRECIATION FOR OUR SUGGESTIONS ON POSSIBLE ALTERNATE DATES FOR THE 1978 NATO SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON; THEIR CONCERN OVER A POSSIBLE CONFLICT IN DATES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROPOSED VISITS TO INDIA; AND THEIR WORRY OVER AMENDMENTS TO THE CLEAR WATERS ACT UNILATERALLY EXTENDING US AUTHORITY OVER OIL SPILL POLLUTIONS TO 200 MILES.

2. THE SECRETARY SAID WE WOULD CHECK WITH THE WHITE HOUSE ON THE PROPOSED TIMING FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT  
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TO NEW DELHI. AT PRESENT, THE PRESIDENT IS PLANNING TO VISIT WARSAW, PARIS, TEHRAN, NEW DELHI AND BRUSSELS. LAGOS AND THE LATIN AMERICAN STOPS WILL BE INCLUDED ON A SECOND TRIP.

3. JAY SAID THE BRITISH ARE WORRIED THAT THE PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CLEAN WATERS ACT WOULD

UNHINGE THE WHOLE LAW OF THE SEA OPERATION. HMG WAS

GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPLICAT;ON TO FREEDOM OF  
THE SEAS AND NAVIGATION SHOULD THE US UNILATERALLY  
EXTEND ITS JURISDICTION IN THIS MANNER. THE US ACTION  
COULD HAVE A "SNOWBALL EFFECT" WITH OTHER COUNTRIES  
TAKING SIMILAR ACTIONS. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD  
CHECK WITH SECRETARY ADAMS AND AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON. VANCE

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